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Update on Terrorism Subcommittee:

This year, as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, I had the opportunity to lead several Congressional Delegations abroad to discuss counterterrorism and military operations with American and foreign troops and officials. My travels took me to various parts of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The insight and perspectives gained from these experiences helped me craft key portions of the annual defense authorization bill. Some of these provisions included:

- Supporting the continued expansion of our Special Operations Forces and providing them with more of the equipment and support they need.
- Authorizing increased funding to improve the capacity and capabilities of the NATO Special Operations Coordination Center.
- Improving the oversight and coordination of the strategic communications program executed by the Department of Defense.
- Requiring the implementation of a strategy to research, develop and organize our cybersecurity and cyber operations capabilities.

Town Hall Info:

I am hosting a town hall meeting in conjunction with both the federal and state Departments of Veterans Affairs and other military organizations, and would like to invite you to attend.

Saturday, November 14, 2009, 11:00-12:30pm
Gary and Carol Milgard Family Hope Center
10402 Kline Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

I look forward to meeting with constituents and listening to concerns, answering questions, and updating everyone on issues relating to veterans and the military.

Please R.S.V.P. by phone or e-mail if you are able to attend:

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■ As the Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, I continue to meet with and listen to our troops in the 9th District, around the United States and throughout the world. In order to provide our troops with the support they need, the most important thing Congress can do is listen to them and ensure their needs are being met. Meeting with members of our military and their families has greatly contributed to my understanding of the challenges they face and has been of enormous benefit as my subcommittee drafts legislation to help set our nation's defense policy and spending priorities.

I want to continue to hear from all of you. On November 14, 2009, I will be holding a town hall meeting on veterans and military issues, and would like to invite you to attend. Please see the back of this newsletter for more information. I look forward to seeing you in Tacoma.

Sincerely,